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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

October 2, 2003

Honorable Bryant L. Van Brakle
Secretary
FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION
800 North Capitol Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20573

Re: Petition of National Customs Brokers and Forwarders
Association of America, Inc. for a Limited Exemption From
Certain Tariff Requirements of the Shipping Act of 1984

Petition No. **P5-03**

Dear Secretary Van Brakle:

I am Terrence P. Lynch, President of Transcon Shipping Co., Inc.

Transcon is an OTI/NVOCC wrth our FMC license number 1672N. We maintain offices at Los Angeles, New York and Chicago.

Following are costs associated with meting current FMC requirements by Transcon:

1. \$1 ,000.00 annually to maintain tariff website
2. \$300.00 annually for tariff publishing services
3. There are approximately 6 man hours at a cost of approximately \$200.00 per month spent on maintaining tariff and making tariff changes
4. The costs associated to maintain website, maintain tariff and make tariff changes are fully absorbed by Transcon.
5. Transcon does not have any way to track the number of times shippers or other parties access our tariff website. Additionally, industry practice makes it very difficult to assess these charges to shippers or other parties.

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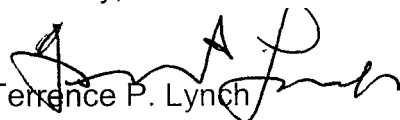
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We find it unnecessary to maintain tariffs due to variances in pricing from customer to customer and the need to do creative tariff filing in order to meet the rules and regulations. Additionally, many quotes are made without a rate filed in the tariff. Many tariff filings are done at time business is secured.

I, Terrence P. Lynch declare under penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true and correct. Further I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file the verified statement.

Executed on October 2, 2003.

Sincerely,



Terrence P. Lynch
President